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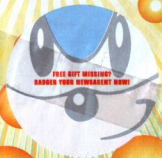
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FORTNIGHTLY

SONIC

THE COMIC

get
it on!



NEW STORIES!

Sonic!

Tails!

Robotnik!



PLUS WORLDWIDE SOCCER 97 REVIEW, BADNIK PIN-UP & MORE!

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers,

Let's face it, the exclusive Sonic Badge on the front cover is a totally handsome gift! Wear your hedgehog with pride and you'll really stand out from the crowd (you can pay me that money now Sonic!).

Some other goodies to pin down this issue are three new stories, starting with Sega's twenty-four hour hero, Sonic! Tails returns as the Furtual Reality fox, and it's show-time in Sonic's World with Mock the Doc!

Looking ahead to STC's next pulse-racing Valentine's issue (see below), Boomers will be glad to know that Decap Attack return for a hearty new series (plus, there's a double-page pin-up). So I'll be with you in a fortnight come rain or come shine, and remember Boomers, you needn't snow me under with your adoring cards. Oh, alright then, if you have to!

Megadroid

SEGA

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MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ● FIFA '97
- 2 ● SONIC 3D
- 3 ● PREMIER MANAGER '97
- 4 ● TOY STORY
- 5 ● DESERT STRIKE
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- 8 RE THE LION KING
- 9 ↓ DYNAMITE HEADDY
- 10 ↓ LOTUS TURBO CHALLENGE

SATURN

- 1 NEW VIRTUA COP 2
- 2 ● WORLDWIDE SOCCER '97
- 3 ↓ TOMB RAIDER
- 4 ↓ DAYTONA USA CHAMP EDITION
- 5 NEW COMMAND AND CONQUER
- 6 NEW ACTUA GOLF
- 7 ↓ FIGHTING WIPERS
- 8 ↓ NIGHTS
- 9 ↓ SEGA RALLY
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MEGA-CD

- 1 RE ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 2 ↑ THUNDERHAWK
- 3 ↓ TOMCAT ALLEY
- 4 ↑ SILPHEED
- 5 RE HOOK
- 6 RE ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 7 ↓ ROAD AVENGER
- 8 ↓ SONIC CD
- 9 RE CHUCK ROCK 2
- 10 RE WOLFCHILD

GAME GEAR

- 1 ↑ DYNAMITE HEADDY
- 2 RE MICRO MACHINES
- 3 ↑ COLUMNS
- 4 ↓ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 5 SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 6 ↑ SONIC: TRIPLE TROUBLE
- 7 RE FANTASTIC ADVENTURES OF DIZZY
- 8 ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 RE COSMIC SPACEHEAD
- 10 NEW MAN OVERBOARD

NEXT ISSUE HEARTENING NEWS...



THE MANIACS ARE BACK
IN A 'DEAD' GOOD NEW STORY & PIN-UP!

PLUS

SONIC!
DOOMSDAY!

KNUCKLES!
VICTIMS!

SONIC'S WORLD!
BOILING POINT!

CHANGE OF ART!
GROOVY GRAPHICS!

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AN AVERAGE DAY IN THE
MUTANT VILLAGE
DISTRICT OF NEW TEK
CITY...

SMASHH!

OUTTA MY WAY!
NOTHIN' STOPS...
THE YOB!

HELP! THAT
FAT-BUT-FEARSOME
FIEND THE YOB
HAS ROBBED
THE BANK!

AGAIN!

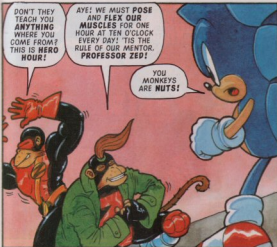
SINCE I'M TRAPPED IN THIS
SO-CALLED SPECIAL ZONE, I MIGHT
AS WELL MAKE MYSELF USEFUL...

DROP
THE DOSH,
LARDY!

UH? WHO
ARE YOU?



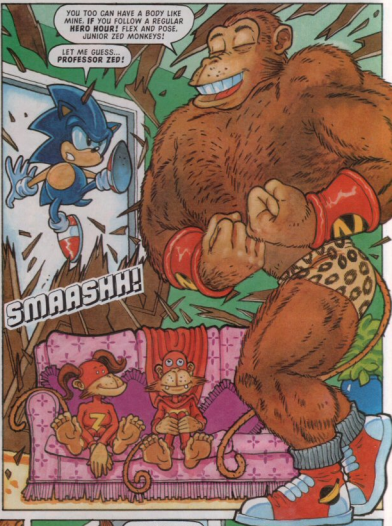




SOON, ON THE OUTSKIRTS
OF THE CITY...

THIS LOOKS
LIKE THE RIGHT
PLACE!

PROFESSOR
ZED'S
SCHOOL FOR
GIFTED
MONKEYS



YOU TOO CAN HAVE A BODY LIKE
MINE. IF YOU FOLLOW A REGULAR
HERO HOUR! FLEX AND POSE.
JUNIOR ZED MONKEYS!

LET ME GUESS.
PROFESSOR ZED!

SMAASHH!

WHAT IS THE MEANING
OF THIS INTRUSION?

CHIMPOLINE TOLD ME
THE CITY'S CRIME RATE
INCREASES EACH TIME
YOUR ZED MONKEYS STOP
FOR A **HERO HOUR!**

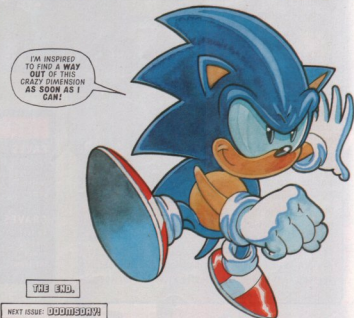
BIT OF A
COINCIDENCE.
WOULDN'T YOU
SAY?

KEEP OUT OF OUR
MONKEY BUSINESS.
HEGHEGG!

COOL IT,
BONEHEADS!
LISTEN TO
ME!







THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: OOOOSONIC!

REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 = YAWNsville

40-70 = NORMALSville
70-80 = FUN CITY

80-90 = BIG TIME CITY
OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

WORLDWIDE SOCCER '97

Reviewed by Chris Jones.



GAME TYPE: SPORT
PLAYERS: 1-2

PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL

"Small boys in the park, jumpers for goal posts, rush goalie... Hmm...marvellous!" So might say Ron Manager, the comic character from 'Beeb' 2's *The Fast Show*, if he saw *Worldwide Soccer '97*. This new soccer sim on the Saturn easily eclipses all previous attempts to capture the game of 22 men and a leather ball on a games machine.

Worldwide Soccer '97 is as close as you can get to an arcade soccer machine at home, without moving into an arcade. Featuring all the international

teams, various tactics and different tournaments this is more fun than watching a nil-nil draw on TV. The basic controls allow you to pass, chip and shoot but you can improve your skills with practice and perform one-two's, shimmies and bicycle kicks. As for the

graphics and animation, they are premier league standard with players able to trap the ball, turn and dribble, stumble and even jog backwards when defending!

The gameplay may take a while to master but soon you can be playing like Manchester United. There are options to choose from such as one of three stadiums to play in, and you can play day or night and in rain or shine. Gary Bloom, *Football Italia*'s man behind the mike, provides the commentary and his words only add to the excellent gameplay and atmosphere. This is a tremendous effort all round; the lads have given 110% and I can't ask for more than that. They've set their stall out early on and played a blinder!



FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES

"GOOOOAAAAL"
The Brazil of football games.



GRAPHICS 95

SOUND 90

GRAVES

No real players names in the teams.



PLAYABILITY 90

OVERALL 92

THE MYSTICAL ELDER TREE HAS BEEN DESTROYED, AND NOW THE ANCIENT TREES HAVE SWORN TO TAKE THEIR REVENGE ON PLANET MOBIUS.

KEEP
YOUR EYES PEELED...
THE BAD GUYS ARE STILL
AROUND HERE
SOMEWHERE!

KNUCKLES ROOTS

Script: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: NIGEL BOBBY
Lettering: ELIITA DELL

Part 1



OMEN!
NOW WHAT ARE
YOU UP TO, YOU
WEIRDO?



IT'S A
NEW SPELL I RECENTLY
PERFECTED... BUT I DON'T
THINK YOU'RE GOING
TO LIKE IT!

TENDRILS
SPRINGING UP...
TOO MANY FOR
ME TO STOP!



YOUR
MAGIC ALWAYS WAS
INFERIOR TO MINE
AND THIS PROVES
IT!



DON'T
WORRY, EBONY.
I'LL SOON FREE YOU!
IT'LL ONLY TAKE A
SECOND TO FINISH
OFF THIS
BOZO!

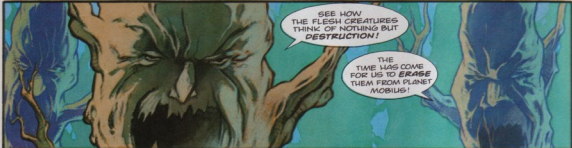


THAT'S
WHAT YOU
THINK,
PAL!





IF ANYONE
MOVES A MUSCLE,
MY ASSOCIATE HERE
WILL BLOW ALL YOUR
HEADS CLEAN
OFF!



SEE HOW
THE FLESH CREATURES
THINK OF NOTHING BUT
DESTRUCTION!

THE
TIME HAS COME
FOR US TO **ERASE**
THEM FROM PLANET
MOBIUS!



YOU THINK
YOU CAN TAKE
OVER THE PLANET?
DON'T MAKE ME
LAUGH!

DON'T
BE A **FOOL**,
OMEN!

WE HAVE
SEEN THE **POWER**
OF YOU TREES; HOW
YOU MADE THIS
ENTIRE FOREST GROW
IN MINUTES!

I KNOW MY
KIND HAVE CAUSED
GREAT **DESTRUCTION**
AMONGST YOUR RACE...
I CAN'T CHANGE THAT,
THOUGH I **WISH**
I COULD!

BUT
WE'VE **TRIED**
TO DO BETTER. THE
REASON SOME OF
US ARE HERE NOW
IS THAT WE WERE
TRYING TO **HELP**
YOU...

WHAT
WOULD THE
ELDER TREE
HAVE DONE?





EPILOGUE:

TWO DAYS LATER, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS FENCED OFF THE ENTIRE FOREST WITH FIRM ORDERS THAT NOBODY MAY ENTER.

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU THINK HE MEANT BY THAT?

SEARCH ME!

THE FOREST IS A HAVEN OF NATURAL BEAUTY IN THE MIST OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL EMPIRE.

HOWEVER, ONE SPOT IS MORE SACRED THAN ANY OTHER.

THE PLACE WHERE THE ELDER TREE ONCE STOOD.

THE PLACE WHERE THE ELDER TREE WILL SOME DAY GROW ONCE MORE.

NEXT ISSUE: KNUCKLES BEGINS A NEW ADVENTURE.

TAILS

COMPLETE
STORY

FURTUAL REALITY

Script: LEW STRINGER

Art: ROBERTO CORRINA

Coloring: STEVE WHITE

Lettering: GORDON ROSSON

AS ONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
ON PLANET MOBIUS, TAILS IS
HONEST, HEROIC, AND COURAGEOUS...

...BUT HE CAN ALSO
BE TOO TRUSTING!

WOW! A
FAN CLUB
FOR ME?

TAILS IS HEREBY
INVITED TO MEET
HIS ADORING
FANS IN THE
CASINO NIGHT
ZONE!

WE LOVE
TAILS!

TAILS IS A
FOXY FOX!

I MUSTN'T KEEP MY
PUBLIC WAITING!

SOON, TAILS EAGERLY
ARRIVES AT THE
CASINO NIGHT ZONE...

I GUESS MY FANS
WANT TO THANK ME
FOR HELPING THEM
A WHILE BACK! *

* SHAME ON YOU IF YOU
MISSED THE FUN IN STC
80 & 81 - Megadroid!







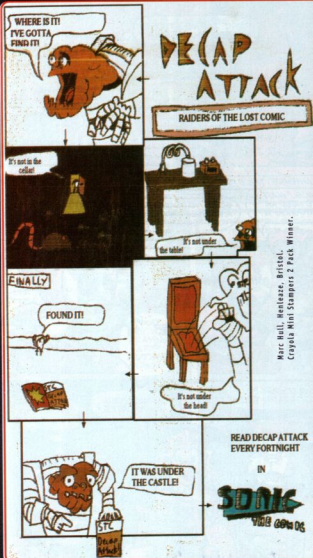


NEXT ISSUE: DUE TO BOOMER DEMAND THOSE MAD DECAPERS RETURN!

PIXEL ZONE

EACH ARTIST-HUME
WHO GETS THEIR
HANDYWORK
PRINTED IN *STC*
WILL RECEIVE A
PACK OF CRAYOLA
MINI STAMPERS 2,
SHAPED-NIBBED,
COLOUR PENS.

Decap Attack return in a 'Dead' good adventure next issue!



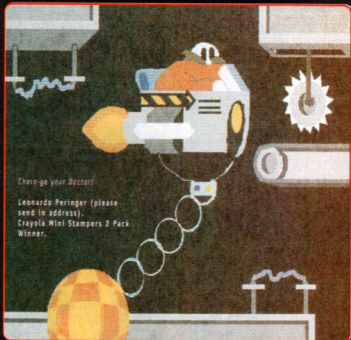
SONIC THE! HEDGEHOG

Thomas Hargreaves,
Woodcote, Oxfordshire.
MD owner.
Crayola Mini Stampers 2
Pack Winner.



Tails reaches new heights!

Malcolm Destro, Alloa, Scotland.
Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.



Chin-ge your Doctor!

Leonardo Peringer (please
send in address).
Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack
Winner.

Matthew Maughan, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
MD owner. Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.



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EVERY NIGHT AT SIX O'CLOCK, EVERY FAMILY IN EVERY ZONE, GATHERS AROUND THEIR TV TO WATCH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S DAILY BROADCAST. NO ONE WANTS TO, BUT IT'S THE LAW.

DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!

AW, MUM! WHY CAN'T WE WATCH ZONE AND AWAY ON CHANNEL SIX?

BECAUSE IF WE DON'T WATCH THIS CHANNEL, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL TAKE DADDY AWAY AND TURN HIM INTO A BADNIK!

GULP!

BUT, SUDDENLY...

KKZZH... WE INTERRUPT THIS BORING SPEECH TO BRING YOU LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

OOER! IT'S ON THE BLINK!

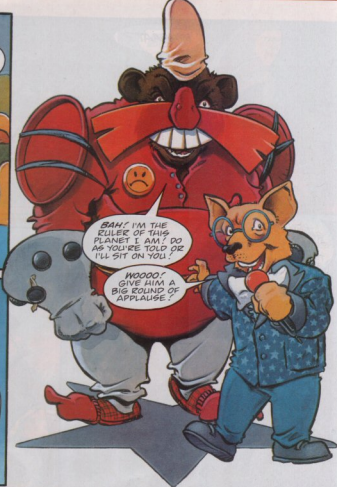
SONIC'S WORLD

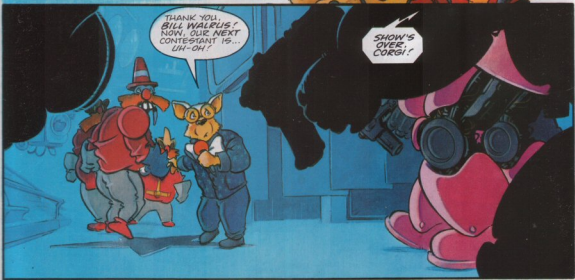
COMPLETE
STORY

MOCK THE DOG

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: ANNIE PARKHOUSE

HI! I'M MATTHEW CORGI! YOUR HOST FOR TONIGHT'S NEW GAME SHOW, MOCK THE DOG! WOOOO!







GOTCHA! NOW,
EVERYONE WILL
SEE WHAT HAPPENS
TO PEOPLE WHO
MOCK THE DOC!
I'M GOING TO
ENJOY THIS!



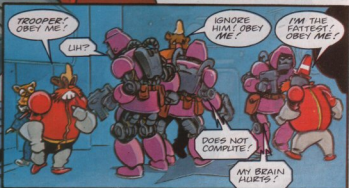
BUT...THE TROOPERS
ARE CONFUSED...

DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK?

THAT'S NOT
THE MASTER!
THIS IS!



THE ROBOTS
AREN'T BRIGHT
ENOUGH TO KNOW
YOU'RE ALL FAKES!
PLAY IT UP,
GANG!



TROOPER!
OBEY ME!

UH?

IGNORE
HIM! OBEY
ME!

I'M THE
FATTEST!
OBEY ME!

DOES NOT
COMPLETE!

MY BRAIN
HURTS!



ANYONE
WHO FOLLOWS
A FAKE MASTER
IS A TRAITOR!
AAGHH!

Y'KNOW, I
THINK WE'VE
ALL BEEN
TRICKED!
NNGGHH!

WOOO!
GREAT TV!

BLAM!

ZAM!

THE IDIOTS! BAA!
I SHOULD NEVER
TRUST A ROBOT TO DO
A MAN'S JOB! I'LL
DEAL WITH THIS
PERSONALLY!

BUT BY THE TIME
ROBOTNIK ARRIVES...

THEY'VE
ESCAPED! STILL,
AT LEAST I'M
SPARED ANY
FURTHER
EMBARRASSMENT!

OH, NO!
THAT CAMERA'S
STILL ROLLING!
BAHH!

SMILE!

IT'S A SHOW
THAT EVERYONE'S
BEEN WATCHING...

HA HA! OLD
LARD BELLY WILL
NEVER LIVE THIS
DOWN!

HE'S LOST
HIS COOL
AND LOOKS
A FOOL!

LATER, BACK
AT CITADEL
ROBOTNIK...

NOTHING ON
TV TONIGHT,
SIR?

SHUT
UP!

THE END.

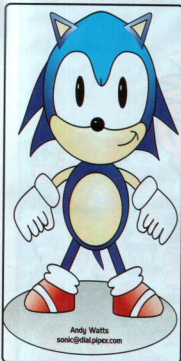
BUT STAY TUNED TO STC EVERY FORTNIGHT, BOOMERS!



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Andy Watts
sonic@diapix.com

HANDY ANDY!

Dear Megadroid,

Thought you might be interested in a Sonic picture which I drew on my PC using Corel Draw (see above). Even if I am 18 years of age, I still think it would be way cool if you could print it in STC! Can you help?

Andy Watts, Romsey, Hampshire.
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



Anything to help the aged, Andy!

TAKING THE HICKEY!

Q: How did Tails do in his exams?

A: He passed with flying colours!

Darren Hickey, Ballovalane,

Co Cork, Rep of Ireland.

MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

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SEGA MEGA HOG TAG!



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PARENTAL APPROVAL!

Dear STC,

I'm not the only one in our house who's a Chaotix fan, and to prove it here's a picture drawn by my mum (see below) who - like me - reads the comic each fortnight!

Matt Page, Worthing, W Sussex.

MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



That's what I call a superior mother, Matt!

